we desert them we leave them at once to anarchy and finally to barbarism. We fling them, a golden apple of discord, among the rival powers, no one of which could permit another to selze them unquestioned. Their rich plains and valleys would be the scene of endless strife and bloodshed. The advent of Dewey's fleet in Manila bay instead of being, as we hope, the dawn of a new day of freedom and progress, will have been the beginning of an era of misery and violence worse than any which has darkened their unhappy past. The suggestion has been made that we could renounce our, authority over the islands and, giving them independence, could retain a protectorate over them. This proposition will not be found, I am sure, worthy of your serious attention. Such an arrangement would involve at the outset a cruel breach of faith. It would place the peaceable and loyal majority, who ask nothing better than to accept our authority, at the mercy of the minority of armed insurgents. It would make us responsible for the acts of the insurgent leaders and give us no power to control them. It would charge us with the task of protecting them against each other, and defending them against each other, and defending them against any foreign power with which they chose to quarrel. In short, it would take from the Congress of the United States the power of declaring war and vest that tremendous prezogative in the Tagalo leader of the hour.

It does not seem desirable that I should recommend at this time a specific and final form of government for these islands. When peace shall be restored it, will be the duty of Congress to construct a plan of government for these islands. When peace shall be restored it, will be the duty of Congress to construct a plan of government for these islands. When peace shall be restored it, will be the duty of Congress to construct a plan of government for these islands. When peace shall be restored it, will be the duty of Congress to construct a plan of government for these islands.

when it terminates further information will be required as to the actual condition of affairs before inaugurating a permanent scheme of clyil government. The full report of the commission, now in preparation, will contain information and suggestions which will be of value to Congress, and which I will transpit as soon as it is completed. As iong as the insurrection continues the military arm must necessarily be supreme. But there is no reason why steps should not be taken from time to time to inaugurate governments essentially popular in their form as fast as territory is held or controlled by our troops. To this end I am considering the advisability of the return of the commission, or end I am considering the advisability of the return of the commission, or such of the members thereof as can be secured, to aid the existing authorities and facilitate this work throughout the islands. I have believed that reconstruction should not begin by the exhabilishment of one central civil government for all the islands, with its sext at Manila, but rather that the work should be comenced by building up from the bottom, first establishing municipal governments and then provisional governments, a central government at last to follow.

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Until Congress shall have made known the formal expression of its will I shall use the authority vested in me by the constitution and the statutes to uphold the sovereignty of the United States in those distant islands, as in all other places where our fing 'rightfully floats. I shall put at the disposal of the army and navy all the means which the liberality of Congress and the people have provided to cause this unprovoked and wasteful insurrection to cease. It any orders of mine were required to insure the merciful conduct of military and naval operations they would not be lacking, but every step of the progress of our troops has been marked by a humanity which has surprised even the misguided insurgents. The truest kindness to them will be a swift and effective defeat of their present leader. The hour of victory will be the hour of clemency and reconstruction.

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No effort will be spared to build up the waste places desolated by war and by long years of misgovernment. We shall not wait for the end of strife to begin the beneficient work. We shall continue, as we have begun, to open the schools and the churches, to set the courts in operation, to foster industry and trade and agriculture, and in every way in our power to make these people whom Providence has brought within our jurisdiction feel that it is their liberty, and not our power; their welfare, and not our gam, we are seeking to enhance. Our flag has never waved over any community but in blessing. I believe the Filipinos will soon recognize the fact that it has not lost its gift of benediction in its world-wide journey to their shores.

The Hawaiian Islands.

The Hawaiian Islands. Some embarrassment in administration has occurred by reason of the peculiar status which the Hawalian Islands occupy under the joint resolution of annexation, approved July 7, 1898. While by that resolution the republic of Hawaii is an independent nation. and its property and possessions vested in the United States, yet a complete establishment of its government under our system was not effected. While the municipal laws of the islands not enacted for the fulfillment of treaties and not inconsistent with the joint res-olution or contrary to the constitution of the United States or any of its of the United States, or any of its treaties remain in force, yet these laws relate only to the social and internal affairs of the islands, and do not touch many subjects of importance which are of a broader national character. For example, the Hawailan republic was divested of all title to the public lands in the islands, and is not only unable to dispose of lands to settlers destring to take up homestead sites, but is without power to give complete title in cases where lands have been entered upon lease, or other conditions which carry with them the right to the purchaser, lessee or settler, to have a full title granted by him upon compliance with the conditions prescribed by law or by his particular agreement of entry.

Questions of doub, and difficulty have also arisen with reference to the collection of tomage tax on vessels coming from Hawailan peris; with reference to the status of Chinese in the Islands, their entrance and exit therefrom; as to patents and copyrights; as to the necessity of holding elections in necrotance with the provisions of the Hawailan statutes for the choice of various officers, and as to several other matters of detail touching the interests both of the islands and the federal government.

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By the resolution of annexation, the President was directed to appoint five commissioners were duly appointed, and after a careful investigation and study of the system of laws and government neverilling in the islands, and of the conditions existing there, they prepared a boilt to provide a government under the little of "The Territory of Hawail." The report of these emmission, with the bill which they prepared, was transmitted by me to Congress on December 6, 1895, but the bill still awaits final action.

The people of those islands are entitled to the benefits and privileges of our constitution, but in the abse

acquired territory under the federal constitution shall be fully defined and provided for.

Legislative Relief for Alaska. A necessity for immediate legislative elief exists in the territory of Alaska. Substantially the only law providing a civil government for this territory is the act of May 17, 1884. This act is meagre in its provisions, and is fitted only for the administration of affairs in a country sparsely inhabited by civilized people, and unimportant in trade and production, as was Alaska at the time the act was passed. The increase in population by immigration during the past few years, consequent upon the discovery of gold, has produced such a condition as calls for more ample facilities for local self-government and more numerous conveniences of civil and judicial administration. Settlements have grown up in various places, constituting in point of population and business cities of thousands of inhabitants, yet there is no provision of haw under which a municipality can be maintained. Substantially the only law providing a

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In some localities the inhabitants have met together and voluntarily former as municipal organisation for the purpose of local government, adopting the form of a municipal constitution and charter, under which paid officials have been appointed and ordinances creating and regulating a police force, a fire department a department of health and making provision for the care of the insane and indigent poor and sick and for public schools, have been passed. These proceedings and the ordinances passed by such municipalities are without statutory authority, and have no sanction, except as they are maintained by the popular sentiment of the community. There is an entire absence of authority to provide the ordinary instrument of local police control and administration, the population consisting of the usual percentage of lawless adventurers of the class that always flock to new fields of onterprise or discovery; and under circumstances which require more than ordinary provision for the maintenance of peace, good order and lawful conduct.

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The whole vast area of Alaska comprises but one judical district, with one judge, one marshal, and one district attorney, yet the civil and criminal business has more than doubled within the past year, and is many times greater, both in volume and importance, than it was in 1884. The duties of the judge require him to travel thousands of miles to discharge his judicial duties at the various places designated for that nurpose. The territory should be divided into at least two districts and an additional judge, district and an additional judge, district attorney, marshal, and other appropriate officers be provided.

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There is practically no organized form of government in the territory. There is no authority, except in Congress, to pass any law, no matter how local or trivial, and the difficulty of conveying to the Congress an adequate conception and understanding of the various needs of the people in the different communities is easily understood. I see no reason why a more complete form of territorial organization should not be provided. Esslowing the precedent established in the year 1805, when a temporary government was provided for the recently acquired territory, then known under the name of Louisiana, it seems to me it would be advantageous to confer greater exceutive power upon the governor and to establish, as was done in the case of the territory of Louisiana, a legislative council having power to adopt ordinances which shall extend to all the rightful subjects of local legislation, such ordinances not to take effect until reported to and approved by the Congress, if in session, and if that body is not in session, then by the President. In this manner a system of laws providing for the incorporation and government of towns and etties having a certain population, giving them the power to establish and maintain a system of education to be locally supported, and ordinances providing for police, sanitary, and other such purposes, could be speedily provided.

I believe a provision of this kind would be satisfactory to the people of the territory. It is probable that the reas is too vest and the population too scattered and transitory to make it wins at the present time to provide for an elective legislative body, but the conditions calling for jocal self-government will undoubtedly very soon exist, and will be facilitated by the measures

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Legislation for Porto Rico.

I recommend that legislation to the same end be had with reference to the government of Porto Rico. The time is ripe for the adoption of a temporary form of government for this island; and many suggestions made with reference to Alaska are applicable also to

Porto Rico.

The system of civil jurisprudence now adopted by the people of this island is described by competent inwyers who are familiar with it, as thoroughly modern and scientific, so far as it relates to matters of internal business, trade, production, and social and private right in general. The cities of the island are governed under charters which probably require very little or no change. So that with relation to matters of local concern and private right, it is not probable that much, if my, legislation is desirable; but with reference to public administration and the relations of the islands to the federal govto public administration and the rela-tions of the islands to the federal gov-ernment, there are many matters which are of pressing urgency. The same ne-cessity exists for legislation on the part of Congress to establish federal courts and federal jurisdiction in the island, as has been previously pointed out by

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It must be borne in mind that since the cession Porto Rico has been denied the principal markets as he had long enjoyed and our tariffs have been continued against her products, as when she was under Spanish sovereignly. The markets of Spain are closed to her products except upon terms to which

she was under Spanish sovereignty. The markets of Spanish are closed to her products except upon terms to which the commerce of all nations is subjected. The island of Cuba, which used to buy her cattle and tobacco without customs duties, now imposes the same duties upon these products as from any other country entering her ports. She has, therefore, lost her free intercourse with Spania and Cuba without any compensating benefits in this market. Her coffee was little known and not in use by our people, and therefore, there was no demand here for this, one of her chief products. The markets of the United States should be opened up to her products. Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products free access to our markets.

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swept over Porto Rico on the 8th of August, 1839, over 100,000 people were reduced to absolute destitution, without

August, 1832, over 109,000 people were reduced to absolute destitution, without homes, and deprived of the necessaries of life. To the appeal of the war department the people of the United States made prompt and generous response, in addition to the private charity of our people, the war department has expended for the relief of the distressed \$392,342 63, which does not include the cost of transportation.

It is desirable that the government of the island under the law of beligerent right, now maintained through the executive department, should be superseded by an administration entirely civil in its nature. For present purposes I recommend that Congress passa law for the organization of a temporary government, which shall provide for the appointment by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate, of a governor and such other officers as the general administration of the island of a governor and such other officers as the general administration of the island may require, and that for legislative purposes on subjects of a local nature not partaking of a federal character, a legislative council, composed partly of Porto Ricans and partly of citizens of the United States, shall be nominated and appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the senate, their acts to be subject to the approval of the Congress or the President prior to going into effect.

Tocal Salf Government.

Local Self Government. In the municipalities and other local sub-divisions, I recommend that the principle of local self-government be applied at once, so as to enable the intelligent citizens of the island to participate in their own government and to learn by practical experience the duties and requirements of a self-con-tained and a self-governing people. I have not thought it wise to commit the entire government of the lainnd to of-ficers selected by the people, because I doubt whether in babits, training and doubt whether in habits, training and experience, they are such as to fit them to exercise at ence so large a degree of self-government, but it is my judgment and expectation that they will soon arrive at an attainment of experience and wisdom and self-control that will justify conferring upon them a much larger participation in the choice of their insular officers.

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of their insular officers.

The fundamental requirement for these people, as for all people, is education. The free schoolhouse is the best preceptor for citisenship. In the introduction of modern educational methods care, however, must be exercised that changes be not made too abruptly and that the history and rucial peculiarities of the inhabitants shall be given due weight. Systems of education in these new possessions founded upon common-sense methods, adapted to existing conditions and looking to the future movement and industrial advancement of the people, will commend

the future movement and industrial advancement of the people, will commend to them in a peculiarly effective manner the blessings of free government. The love of law and the sense of obedienes and submission to the lawfully constituted judicial tribunals are embedded in the hearts of our people, and any violation of these sentiments and disregard of their obligations justly arouses public condemnation. The guaranties of life, liberty, and of civil rights should be faithfully upheld: the right of trial by jury respected and defended. The rule of the courts should assure the public of the prompt trial of those charged with criminal offenses, and upon conviction the punishment should be commensurate with the enormity of the crime.

Those who, in disregard of law and the public peace, unwilling to await the judgment of court and jury, constitute themselves judgas and executioners should not scape the severest penalties for their crimes.

What I said in my inaugural address of March 4, 1897, I now repeat:

"The constitution authorities be cheerfully and vigorously upheld. Lynchings must not be tolerated in a great and civilized country like the United States, Courts, not mobs, must execute the penalties of the laws. The preservation of public order, the right of discussion, the integrity of courts and the orderely administration of jurs tice must continue forever the rock of safety upon which our government securely rests,"

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and the orderly administration of the rice must continue forever the rock of safety upon which our government securely rests."

In accordance with the act of Congress providing for an appropriate national celebration in the year 1900, of the establishment of the seat of government in the district of Columbia, I have appointed a committee, consisting of the governors of all the states and territories of the United States, who have been invited to assemble in the city of Washington on the clist of December, 1839, which, with the committees of the Congress and the District of Columbia, are charged with the proper conduct of this celebration.

Congress at Its last session aupropriated \$5.000 "to enable the chie? of engineers of the army to continue the examination of the subject and to inside or secure designs, calculations, and estimates for a momerial bridge from the most convenient point of the naval observatory grounds or adjacent thereto, across the Potomac river to the most convenient point of the Anisaton estate property." In accordance with the provisions of this act the chief of engineers has selected four eminent origineers to submit competitive designs for a bridge combining the elements of strength and durability and such architectural embellishment and ornamentation as will fitly apply to the dedication, "a memorial to American patriotism. The proposed bridge would be a convenience to all the people from every part of the country who visit the national cemetery, an ornament to the capital of the nation, and forever stand as a monument to American patriotism. I do not doubt that Congress will give to the enterprise still further proof of its favor and aproval.

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vice. All of the amendments had for their main object a more efficient and satisfactory administration of the system of appointments established by the civil service hav. The results attained show that under their operation the public service has improved and that the civil service is system is relieved of many objectionable features which heretofore subjected it to just criticism and the administrative officers to the charge of unbusinessike methods in the conduct of public affairs. It is believed that the merit system has been greatly strengthened and its permanence assured. It will be my constant aim in the administration of government in our new possessions to make fitness, character, and merit essential to appointment to office, and to give to the capable and deserving inhabitants preference in appointments.

The 14th of December will be the 100th anniversary of the death of Washington. For a hundred years the republic has had the priceless advantage of the lofty standard of character and conduct which he bequeathed to the American people. It is an inheritance which time, instead of wasting, continually increases and enriches. We may justly hope that in the years to come the behignant influences of the father of his country may be even more potent for good than in the century which is drawing to a close. I have been glad to learn that in many parts of the country the people will fittingly observe this historic anniversary.

Presented to this Congress are great opportunities. With them come great responsibilities, The power confided to us increases the weight of our obligations to the people, and we must be profoundly sensitive of them as we contemplate the new and grave problems which confront us. Aiming only at the public good, we cannot err. A right interpretation of the people's will and of duty cannot fall to insure wise measures for the welfare of the islands which have come under the authority of the Unite States, and lasure to the common interest and lasting honor of our country. Never has this nati

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The principal purpose of the order was to exempt from competitive examination certain places involving fluciary responsibilities or duties if a strictly confidential, scientific, or executive character, which it was thought might better be filled either by noncompetitive examination, or in the discretion of the appointing officer, than by open competition. These places were comparatively few in number. The order providing for the filling of a much larger number of places, mainly in the outside service of the war department, by what is known as the registration system, under regulations to be approved by the President.siming to those which have produced such admirable results in the navy yard service. All of the amendments had for their main object a more efficient and satisfactory administration of the system of appointments established by the civil service law. The results attained

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